

CLAIMS

1. A method of processing metal parts and the like by blanking, comprising the steps of performing a first blanking step on a semi-finished product (1) in order to produce a blanked semi-finished product (20), and of
5 performing a subsequent processing of the blanked semi-finished product to produce a final product (30, 40), characterized in that the first blanking step is performed leaving an allowance on the blanked semi-finished product (20), and in that the subsequent processing comprises at least one second blanking step by which the allowance is removed from the blanked semi-finished
10 product.

2. A method according to Claim 1 in which the allowance has a thickness of between 0.1 and 1.0 mm.

3. A method according to Claim 2 in which the allowance has a thickness of between 0.20 and 0.25 mm.

15 4. A method according to one or more of the preceding claims in which the subsequent processing comprises a tumbling step after the second blanking step.

5. A method according to one or more of the preceding claims comprising, prior to the first blanking step, the step of coining of the semi-
20 finished product (1) to produce a coined semi-finished product (10).

6. A method according to Claim 5 in which the coined semi-finished product comprises at least a first pair of locating appendages (4a) for locating the coined semi-finished product on a die in order to perform the first blanking step.

25 7. A method according to Claim 6 in which the coined semi-finished product comprises a second pair of locating appendages (4b), the first pair being removed during the first blanking step and the second pair being removed during the second blanking step.

8. A method according to Claim 7 in which the second pair of locating
30 appendages (4b) is positioned on surfaces of the semi-finished product which are to be processed further after the second blanking step and/or which are not in view upon completion of the processing.

9. A method according to one or more of the preceding claims in which the final product (30, 40) is a portion of a spectacle frame.

10. A method according to one or more of the preceding claims in which the metal of the semi-finished product is selected from brass, nickel silver,
5 and aluminium.